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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
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For: NOVEL HUMAN GENES RELATING TO RESPIRATORY DISEASES AND OBESITY

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2003**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in response to the final Office Action dated February 10, 2003 in the above-identified patent application. Applicants have concurrently filed a Petition for Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) extending the time to file the response by three months, up to and including August 10, 2003. Applicants have also filed herewith and paid the appropriate fee for a Notice of Appeal. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this after-final Amendment in view of the accompanying remarks.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Reasoning** section begins on page 8 of this paper.